

Election analysis

Mulroney has changed the shape of Canadian politics

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Here's a prediction: whichever candidate wins the election in Simcoe North will be on the government side in the next parliament.

It wasn't always that way. For most of the past 70 years, MPs from the Huronia area have been Conservatives and that has meant they have been in Opposition.

But, like him or not, Brian Mulroney has broken the mould of traditional political allegiances in Canada. Polls show Quebec likely to remain in the Tory column after years of being a Liberal stronghold.

On the other hand, in Ontario, which for so long returned large numbers of members from ridings like ours who sat in Opposition as Tories, the signs are the government could be in trouble. In electoral politics, as in physiotherapy, there's rarely much gain without pain and Mulroney's efforts to consolidate his sup-

port in the other regions - particularly with free trade and the Meech Lake Accord - has given rise to widespread dissatisfaction.

Since 1984 the tide has been running pretty strongly in this province against the PCs: it took two provincial elections to do it but the 40-plus years of Tory rule were ended very convincingly - the days of the Big Blue Machine are over. That ought to mean that John Turner's Liberals should make a lot of gains in the province, not only in Metro but in more rural ridings like ours. Maybe they will. If they do and Alan Martin, who came within 66 votes of victory back in 1980, wins the seat on his third attempt then the Mulroney years are likely to be over.

The same holds true of the NDP's Mike McMurter. If he wins this seat, the traditional pattern of Canada's election map really will have changed. And McMurter argues it's very possible: there is an NDP vote in the riding but in the past it has never been enough to win the seat. Add to that the per-

sonal popularity of Ed Broadbent, whose name is going to be front and centre wherever the NDP campaigns - plus the fact that for the first time in their history the New Democrats have enough money to mount a first-class campaign - and a win is within the realm of possibility.

Still, the odds would seem to favor Doug Lewis not just because, despite minor boundary changes which bring Elmvale and Flos into the riding, he is effectively the incumbent but because the big issues play the Liberals and the NDP against each other. The chances are that there could be a substantial majority of local voters which is both dissatisfied with

Appeal

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An appeal to the Workers' Compensation Board to have cancelled a penalty of \$99,064 was successful.

Mulroney and against free trade but if the Liberals and the NDP split that constituency, Lewis will win.

And, if he does, it says here we are in for another PC majority.

Don't bet on it, though: there are seven weeks to go yet and, as British Prime Minister Harold Wilson said, "A week is a long time in politics."



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It should be if you are a Canadian Citizen, reside in the Township of Tiny between September 6th and October 15th, 1988 and are at least 18 years of age on or before November 14th, 1988.

If you or your spouse own land or are tenants in the Township of Tiny, but do not reside here, you are both eligible to vote if you meet the other requirements listed above.

Because of major changes in the method of enumeration and in the structure of the School Board Trustee Elections **IT IS IMPORTANT** that you make sure your name and school support are entered correctly on the voter's list. You will not be able to correct your school support on Election Day and this could prevent you from voting for the school trustee of your choice.

Make sure your name and school support are on the list by checking the Voter's List in the following locations:

Wyebridge Post Office, Wyebridge
Municipal Office, Perkinsfield
Brunelle's Variety, Lafontaine
Wyevale General Store, Wyevale
Jug City, Toanche
Bayshore Senior Citizens Hall, Woodland Beach

or by calling the Municipal Offices at 526-4204.

Voter's List revisions can be made week days at the Municipal Offices in Perkinsfield until October 15th, 1988.

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Guy Leonard Maurice
Returning Officer
Township of Tiny

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